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The reply brief, filed on January 18, 2000, has been entered and considered but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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